99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

235 ILCS 5/9-2

from Ch. 43, par. 167

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning referenda on retail sales of alcoholic liquor.

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1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by 5 changing Section 9-2 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/9-2) (from Ch. 43, par. 167)

7 Sec. 9-2. When any legal voters of a precinct in any city, 8 village or incorporated town of more than 200,000 inhabitants, 9 as determined by the the last preceding Federal census, desire to pass upon the question of whether the sale at retail of 10 alcoholic liquor shall be prohibited in the precinct or at a 11 particular street address within the precinct, they shall, at 12 least 104 days before an election, file in the office of the 13 14 clerk of such city, village or incorporated town, a petition directed to the clerk, containing the signatures of not less 15 16 than 25% of the legal voters registered with the board of 17 election commissioners or county clerk, as the case may be, from the precinct. Provided, however, that when the petition 18 19 seeks to prohibit the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor at a particular street address of a licensed establishment within 20 the precinct the petition shall contain the signatures of not 21 22 less than 40% of the legal voters requested from that precinct. The petition shall request that the proposition "Shall the sale 23

at retail of alcoholic liquor be prohibited in (or at)?" 1 2 be submitted to the voters of the precinct at the next ensuing 3 election at which such proposition may be voted upon. The submission of the question to the voters of such precinct at 4 5 such election shall be mandatory when the petition has been 6 filed in proper form with the clerk. If more than one set of 7 petitions are presented to the clerk for submission at the same 8 election, the petition presented first shall be given 9 preference; however, the clerk shall provisionally accept any 10 other set of petitions setting forth the same (or substantially 11 the same) proposition. If the first set of petitions for a 12 proposition is found to be in proper form and is not found to invalid, it shall be accepted by the clerk and all 13 be 14 provisionally accepted sets of petitions setting forth the same 15 (or substantially the same) proposition shall be rejected by 16 the clerk. If the first set of petitions for a proposition is 17 found not to be in proper form or is found to be invalid, the clerk shall (i) reject the first set of petitions, (ii) accept 18 the first provisionally accepted set of petitions that is in 19 proper form and is not found to be invalid, and (iii) reject 20 all other provisionally accepted sets of petitions setting 21 22 forth the same (or substantially the same) proposition. Notice 23 of the filing of the petition and the result of the election 24 shall be given to the Secretary of State at his offices in 25 both, Chicago and Springfield, Illinois. A return of the result 26 of the election shall be made to the clerk of the city, village

or incorporated town in which the precinct is located. If a 1 2 majority of the voters voting upon such proposition vote "YES", the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor shall be prohibited in 3 the precinct or at the street address. If the sale at retail of 4 5 alcoholic liquor at a particular street address is prohibited pursuant to this Section, the license for any establishment at 6 7 that street address shall be void, and no person may apply for a license for the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor at an 8 9 establishment at that street address unless such prohibition is 10 discontinued pursuant to Section 9-10.

11 In cities, villages and incorporated towns of 200,000 or 12 less population, as determined by the last preceding Federal census, the vote upon the question of prohibiting the sale at 13 retail of alcoholic liquor, or alcoholic liquor other than beer 14 containing not more than 4% of alcohol by volume, or alcoholic 15 liquor containing more than 4% of alcohol by weight in the 16 17 original package and not for consumption on the premises, shall be by the voters of the political subdivision as a unit. When 18 any legal voters of such a city, village or incorporated town 19 20 desire to pass upon the question of whether the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor shall be prohibited in the municipality, 21 22 they shall, at least 104 days before an election, file in the 23 office of the clerk of the municipality, a petition directed to the clerk, containing the signatures of not less than 25% of 24 25 legal voters registered with the board of election the 26 commissioners or county clerk, as the case may be, from the

municipality. The petition shall request that the proposition, 1 2 "Shall the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor be prohibited in....?" be submitted to the voters of the municipality at the 3 next ensuing election at which the proposition may be voted 4 5 upon. The submission of the question to the voters of the municipality at such election shall be mandatory when the 6 7 petition has been filed in proper form with the clerk. If more than one set of petitions are presented to the clerk for 8 9 submission at the same election, setting forth the same or 10 different propositions, the petition presented first shall be 11 given preference and the clerk shall refuse to accept any other 12 set of petitions. Notice of the filing of the petition and the result of the election shall be given to the Secretary of State 13 14 at his offices in both Chicago and Springfield, Illinois. A 15 return of the result of the election shall be made to the clerk of the city, village or incorporated town. If a majority of the 16 17 voters voting upon the proposition vote "Yes", the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor shall be prohibited the 18 in 19 municipality.

In the event a municipality does not vote to prohibit the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor, the council or governing body shall ascertain and determine what portions of the municipality are predominantly residence districts. No license permitting the sale of alcoholic liquors shall be issued by the local liquor commissioner or licensing officer permitting the sale of alcoholic liquors at any place within the residence

district so determined, unless the owner or owners of at least two-thirds of the frontage, 200 feet in each direction along the street and streets adjacent to the place of business for which a license is sought, file with the local liquor commissioner or licensing officer, his or their written consent to the use of such place for the sale of alcoholic liquors.

In each township or road district lying outside the 7 8 corporate limits of a city, village or incorporated town, or in 9 a part of a township or road district lying partly within and 10 partly outside a city, village or incorporated town, the vote 11 of such township, road district or part thereof, shall be as a 12 unit. When any legal voters of any such township, or part thereof, in counties under township organization, or any legal 13 voters of such road district or part thereof, in counties not 14 15 under township organization, desire to vote upon the 16 proposition as to whether the sale at retail of alcoholic 17 liquor shall be prohibited in such township or road district or part thereof, they shall, at least 90 days before an election, 18 file in the office of the township or road district clerk, of 19 20 the township or road district within which the election is to be held, a petition directed to the clerk and containing the 21 22 signatures of not less than 25% of the legal voters registered 23 with the county clerk from such township or road district or part thereof. The submission of the question to the voters of 24 25 the township, road district or part thereof, at the next 26 ensuing election shall be mandatory when the petition has been

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1 filed in proper form with the clerk. If more than one set of 2 petitions are presented to the clerk for submission at the same 3 election, setting forth the same or different propositions, the petition presented first shall be given preference and the 4 5 clerk shall refuse to accept any other set of petitions. A 6 return of the result of such election shall be made to the 7 clerk of the township or road district in which the territory is situated, and shall also be made to the Secretary of State 8 at his offices in both Chicago and Springfield, Illinois. 9

10 (Source: P.A. 96-1008, eff. 7-6-10.)